MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): In that case I oppose the motion because the necessary papers are not with me. Of course, legislation is to be considered as a half shaped thing. We come to the House with the necessary papers for which we have been given notice and it is not proper for a member to come and say that we shall postpone the business that has been posted for the day and take up another thing. It is curious and strange. I have not got the necessary papers before me and I cannot take part in the discussion.

PRESIDENT: Can you get them in the tiffin interval?

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): To be honest, I should confess that it is difficult for me because I have not arranged for any home servant to come here during the interval nor for my going home. It is very difficult for me and so I object to it.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): Sir, I also object to it. This is a non-official day and the official business should not take up the scanty allowance that we get for non-official day.

PRESIDENT: The motion is brought forward by a non-official member.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): Even then it is for an official business. By perpetrating that we will be deprived of the opportunity of discussing our own business. I think that claim of ours should be superior to the other.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Sir, I wish to say one word on this motion. It is of course entirely for the House to accept or reject the motion. But if it is accepted and if there is any time left there is no objection to take up the Chitties Bill. That is to say, if all the business can be postponed then the time left can be utilised for official business.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): I oppose the motion on the grounds stated by Mr. Kunjukrishna Pillai. It is very rarely that we get occasions to discuss important matters which are moved by non-official members. I think we will be depriving ourselves of an opportunity which we have obtained if we accept Mr. K. P. Abraham's motion.

MR. M. GOVINDAN (*Nominated*): Sir, I also oppose the motion.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Sir, I also oppose the motion.

MR. RAMA VARMA RAJA (*Edavagai*): I also oppose the motion.

PRESIDENT: The House knows exactly what the position is. The motion is that the business of the House which is to discuss resolutions on matters of public interest be postponed.

The motion was put to the vote of the House and lost.

RESOLUTIONS ON MATTERS OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST.

PRESIDENT: The next business is the discussion of resolutions. I may inform members that speeches have a time limit of ten minutes except in the case of the mover of the resolution when moving and the official member in charge who are allowed 20 minutes.

The following resolutions were not moved:—

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LOCATION OF SHOPS VENDING TODDY, ARRACK AND GANJA.

1. MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): This Council recommends to the Government that no toddy, arrack or ganja shop be located at least within two furlongs of school, public offices, temples, mosques, churches and markets.

RECRUITMENT OF MAGISTRATES FROM THE BAR.

2. MR. K. KRISHNAN NAIR (*Pattanamtitta*): This Council recommends to the Government that in future fifty per cent. of the Magistrates' vacancies be filled by direct recruitment from the bar.

DECLARATION OF KURICHITTIES AS ILLEGAL.

3. MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): This Council recommends to the Government that *kurichitties* be declared illegal by legistation.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): Sir, as the object of my resolution is served by the Chitties Regulation Amendment Bill now before the Council, I dot not propose to move my resolution.

SCHEME FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF LIBRARIES IN THE STATE

4. MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): This Council recommends to the Government that a scheme be drawn up for the opening and development of libraries in the State.

ABOLITION OF EXPORT DUTY ON PRODUCTS OF THE COCOANUT TREE.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Sir, I beg to move the following resolution:—

"This Council recommends to the Government that the export duty on products of the cocoanut tree be abolished."

Sir, as is very well known, the cocoanut industry is the most important industry in Travancore. We find that about 5½ lakhs of acres of land comprising about 30 per cent. of the cultivable area in the State, is used for the cultivation of cocoanut trees. This has been our industry from early times and in those good old days we had claimed monopoly for the cocoanut produce. But we find that now we have not such monopoly with regard to the products of the cocoanut tree in any of the markets, not even in our own market at Alleppey.

We find that the cocoanut produce of other countries are dumped into our markets to our disadvantage. This country is realising every year an amount which is almost equal to Rs. 3 crores and with the sum so obtained, I think a very large section of the population have been enabled to purchse Rangoon rice or any other rice for their livelihood. Unlike other big industries such as tea and rubber industry we find that cocoanut cultivation is carried on and owned by small proprietors. If we refer to our old Administration Reports and State Manuals, we find that there were only a very few people who did not own even one or two cocoanut trees. This industry is such an important one that it enables a very large section of the population to purchase even the goods necessary for their daily sustenance. But

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